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### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicants herewith submit an Information Disclosure Statement for the above identified application.

No additional fee is required since this information is filed prior to the first Office Action on merits (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)). In the event that a first Office Action on the merits has already issued and is crossing in the mail with this information, please consider the information and charge the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. The following information is intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-identified application. Comments accompanying the documents, if any comments are included, are believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of the documents. However, any such comments are not intended to take the

place of the Examiner's independent consideration of each document. An attached PTO Form 1449 lists these documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME OF INVENTOR	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIAT
	1	5,166,276	11/24/92	Hayama et al.	525	329	
	2	6,350,439	02/26/02	Dupuis	424	70.12	
	3	5,980,876	11/09/99	Peffly	424	70.12	
	4	6,248,316	06/19/01	Peffly et al.	424	70.12	
	5	5,166,275	11/24/92	Enomoto et al.	525	327.7	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATIO YES OR NO
	6	408 311	10/02/06	Europe			
	7	412 707	02/09/94	Europe			
	8	412 704	04/28/99	Europe			
	9	03/028677	04/10/03	PCT			

## OTHER DOCUMENTS

	10	Co-pending Application: Applicant: Ivanova et al., Serial No.: 10/550,622; Filed: September 23, 2005; Attorney Docket No.: J3715(C)					

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